

## 16 TRANSPORTS SAFE IN FRANCE

Every Vessel Once Was a Liner  
Owned by Enemy  
Nation.

(Chicago Tribune.)  
Washington, Jan. 30.—The heart of America thrilled today with the news that the greatest armada in her history—sixteen huge transports—had arrived safely at French ports with thousands of officers, soldiers and supplies to battle the Kaiser.  
Sailing out of American ports in the last two weeks, the vessels delivered their precious cargo on European soil untouched by spies and unobserved by the watchful eyes of submarines.  
Protecting them on their voyage were many men-of-war. The size of the convoy cannot be published, but it may be stated that it was such as to furnish ample protection.  
Aboard the transports were thousands of young men—officers for training men for service, doctors, nurses and skilled workmen. From all parts of the country they had been secretly assembled at different embarking points along the seaboard. None knew before he left even what vessel he would board—only that he was to be at a given place at a given hour.  
After the ships left port the curtain of censorship dropped down over them.  
The maneuvering of the transports, which already have landed nearly a half-million of America's fighting forces in France without loss, is sufficient unto itself, the navy believes.  
Every one of the vessels was a former German or Austrian ship. They were seized when America entered the war and the damage done by their German crews repaired.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN PLOT DESCRIBED IN BERLIN

Germans Told Northcliffe and  
Stone Headed Move to  
Foment Strife.

London, Feb. 2.—Berlin dispatches detailing an alleged Anglo-American plot to foment revolutions in the central powers are published by Cologne newspapers, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. In Washington on New Year's day, it is said that 250,000,000 marks was subscribed for this purpose. The revolutions were to be organized in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.

The organization was to be under the leadership of Senator Stone and Earl Reading and Viscount Northcliffe. It was to have branches in neutral capitals surrounding Germany and German speaking neutrals were to be sent into Germany in an effort to incite the workers in munition factories to strike. The dispatches declare that there was also to be sabotage in the German munition making industry.

## WILLING TO REVOKE FUELLESS MONDAY PLAN

State Administrators Meet Feb.  
4 in Washington—Their  
Opinion Awaited.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The fuel administration is willing to revoke the fuelless Monday order after next week in favor of railroad embargoes now in force if state fuel administrators who meet here Monday believe the closing already effected has served its purpose. Although no final decision has been reached this much was indicated last night after a conference between Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director-General McAdoo and abandonment of the Monday closing program was freely predicted today.

Another conference to determine a definite course will be held by the two officials Tuesday.

## VETERAN EDITOR DIES.

Montgomery, Feb. 2.—Joseph H. Adams, one of the veteran editors of Alabama and owner of the Osk (Ala.) Star, died last night at a hospital in Dothan, Ala., following an operation for appendicitis.

## JOHN L. SULLIVAN, YOUTH'S HERO, IS DEAD

Abington, Mass., Feb. 2.—John L. Sullivan, formerly heavyweight champion boxer of the United States, died at his home here today.

Sullivan, who was 28 years of age, had lived on a farm here for the last ten years. He was taken ill with heart trouble three weeks ago, but his health quickly improved and he went to Boston yesterday. This morning he

## ITALY MAY SPOIL GERMAN PLAN FOR BIG DRIVE IN WEST



The arrow shows the location of the new Italian drive, where Gen. Diaz's men have forged ahead a mile between Asiago and the Brenta river. If the Italians' blows continue with success they probably will spoil the German plan for a powerful drive against the French or British on the west front in the spring.

across as usual and planned another visit to the city, but during the forenoon had an attack of the old trouble, from which he failed to rally. He died at noon. Sullivan's wife died some months ago.

## FOOD SITUATION IS CRITICAL. (New Orleans Item.)

There is still a disposition on the part of a great many to regard the food administration's warning of a possible scarcity of food in this country unless the rules governing the use of food are strictly obeyed, as being more or less a cry of "wolf" or merely an effort to make the people realize the dire necessity of food conservation in the United States the following cablegram from the British controller is made public by Food Administrator Hoover:

"Unless you are able to send the allies at least 75,000,000 bushels of wheat over and above what you have exported up to Jan. 1, and in addition to the total exportable surplus from Canada, I can not take the responsibility of assuring our people that there will be enough to win the war. Imperative necessity compels me to cable you in this blunt way. No one knows better than I that the American people, regardless of national and individual sacrifice, have so far refused nothing that is needed for the war, but it now lies with America to decide whether or not the allies in Europe shall have enough bread to hold out until the United States is able to throw its force into the field. I have not minced words because I am convinced that the American people, if they know the truth, will not hesitate to meet the emergency."

Previous advices show the situation in France and Italy is worse than in England. The French government has again cut the bread allowance of its soldiers.  
The French and British soldiers are holding the enemy until the army of the United States is in the field. They are fighting for the United States now quite as much as they are for themselves. They are in action, and they must be fed. Half-starved soldiers cannot win victories. They cannot hold lines. They can not repel tremendous offensives.

## "MUST" FOR BELGIUM; "SHOULD" FOR OTHERS

(Norman Hagwood, in New Republic.)

It was the predominance of the Northcliffe and Clemenceau schools that made the Anglo-French diplomacy toward Russia so disastrous. It prevented Stockholm, overthrew Kerensky and alienated the bolsheviks. It has been under the influence of this type of thinking that the entente war aims have been stated in no geographical manner that even the president has become involved in complex boundary claims. The entente position would be that the liberal elements in Germany are invited to make no claims at all in territory, while the entente breaks up Prussia under the banner of Poland, retakes Alsace-Lorraine by force of arms, instead of leaving it an impartial tribunal, dictates the relations of Austria to Bohemia and Yugoslavia, rearranges Turkey, and refrains from any downright promise to return the German colonies. The Soukhomlinov revelations have not checked our love of treating Germany's reason for going to war as flat villainy with no human complications. We have no space to give to reminding ourselves of intrigues against Austria carried on in Serbia by the czar's government. A deeper and more universal diplomacy, looking to the future and also at the past with more imagination, would show a willingness to leave to arbitration all the questions involved, except that of Belgium, on simple conditions, as for example:

1. That the proper constitution of an international council be arranged in consultation with neutrals strongly represented.
2. That the reichstag be the spokesman for Germany.

Belgium was a neutral and her restoration and compensation is not open to argument. What has happened to belligerents is a wholly different matter. The president was wise to use the word "must" for Belgium, "should" for others.

## ESKEW REAPPOINTED FOOD COMMISSIONER

(Special to The News.)

Nashville, Feb. 2.—Harry L. Eskew was reappointed by Governor Rees today for a third term as state food and drug commissioner.

## FUEL SALES MANAGER VIOLATED POSTAL LAWS

(Cincinnati, Feb. 2.—H. P. Blum,

sales manager of the Ohio & Kentucky Fuel company, was arrested here yesterday charged by government agents with violation of the fraud section of the postal laws. The government officials, in affidavits, allege that Blum sought to secure personal gain through working for the national fuel administration.

## ORGANIZE TO PROTEST ARREST HERR DITTMANN

(London, Feb. 2.—A national demon-

stration is being organized in Germany as a protest against the arrest of Herr Dittmann, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam reports. Hugo Haase, a socialist deputy, appealed to Chancellor von Hertling to obtain the release of Herr Dittmann. The chancellor said he was powerless as Berlin was entirely in the hands of the military.

## FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS IN RAID NORTH MORTIER

(Paris, Feb. 2.—"The night passed

in quiet," says today's official communication. "There was some artillery fighting in the region of Burnhaupt-le-Haut (Alsace). A raid north of Mortier wood, enabled us to bring back prisoners."

## BALLOON FALLS IN SWAMP NEAR MACON

(Macon, Ga., Feb. 2.—The army bal-

loon which with four men had not been heard from since ascending at Camp Wheeler Friday morning at 10 o'clock, is in a swamp near Macon, one of the men having made his way out and telephoned the camp at noon today.

The balloon descended at noon Friday and the men spent a chilly afternoon and night in the swamp. At times they were waist deep in water, they stated. The balloon has been recovered.

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## OIL TANKER POUNDED BY HIGH SEAS; CALLS HELP

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 2.—A call for help was received today from an oil tanker ashore and in danger of being pounded to pieces by heavy seas on the coast. Navy authorities announced that ships had proceeded to her assistance.

## NEW ORDERS FOR DRAFT BOARDS

Physical Examination of Class  
One Men Held Up Until  
Monday.

Evidently important changes are to be made in the classification of draft men, according to a telegram received by county board No. 1 on Saturday morning. This board is ordered to hold up the physical examination of first class men pending the receipt of new orders to be here Monday.

The telegram reads: "Delay physical examination of Class 1 men until receipt of new regulations, go to you Monday. Caution—Changes in selective service regulations No. 3." The board immediately suspended its physical examinations and consumed the day winding up some odds and ends in the lists of questionnaires.

County board No. 2 received the same instructions, but as this board had not taken up the physical examination of the second call men, the order has not retarded the progress. This board expected to send out notifications for physical examinations Monday, but will withhold this action until the new instructions are received.

Only One Appeal.  
City exemption board No. 1 con-

tinued the examinations of registrants in class 1 today. Sixty were called and about forty-five answered and were examined by the medical section of the board. Of this number only one appealed to the medical advisory board, but several perhaps half a dozen, went up automatically, being found physically deficient for military service. This class of registrants are not turned down absolutely by the board, but are sent to the advisory board and there classified for partial military service.

The fifteen who did not answer the call for examination were brought before the board on warrants issued for their arrest, unless they can show a very good excuse for not appearing today.

City exemption board No. 2 resumed its examinations of applicants Saturday morning and up until 2 o'clock thirty-four applicants were examined and only one was found to be disabled physically. Those examined were: James Hall, Melvin Jones, E. Ramsour, James Riddle, Clyde Jenkins, Ed Kemp, W. D. Thompson, Wyatt Heath, G. W. Keith, W. C. Kennick, Cole Holt, H. G. Hinkley, E. K. Lougher, Thomas Huckleby, C. C. Baldwin, W. F. Stephenson, G. W. Stillwell, E. B. Price, Joe Bonner, De-Forrest Dawkins, Silas Harris, L. J. Craig, Ervin Hitchcock, Butler Frazer, L. N. Webb, J. C. Wilson, Jr., Freeman Christian, Byrd Wells, Harry Bruce, Arthur Harris, W. L. Hammond-tree, T. H. McMillan and O. J. Springfield. The only one rejected on physical grounds was A. B. Pickard.

## FIREMAN MEETS WITH SEVERE INJURIES

Charles D. Varnell, a member of fire company No. 5, was badly hurt Thursday night in the disastrous fire which gutted the Miller-Mitchell department store, but reports Saturday afternoon were that he is getting along nicely.

Young Varnell was overcome by the intense heat and fell. He cut his arm badly and sprained his other arm. He was carried to Newell's infirmary. He was removed Friday afternoon to the home of his wife's people on Poplar street.

The injured man is a son of John Varnell, veteran member of the local police department.

## King Arthur's Christmas Dinner.

Here is the bill of fare of a Christmas dinner given by King Arthur, according to a post who flourished about a century ago, says the Philadelphia Ledger. What would Mr. Hoover or Jay Cooke think of it?

Hogheads of honey, kidderkins of mus-tard, and fatted beavers, and bacon swine.  
Herons and bitterns, peacocks, swan and teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons, and in fine plumage, pancakes, apple pies and custard.  
And herewith they drank good Gascon wine.  
With much, and ale, and cider of our own.  
For porter, punch, and negus were not known.

It is said that the Christmas banquet for the coronation of Edward III. cost 40,000 pounds sterling.

But Henry III. housed and fed poor folk in Westminster hall for a week, and Richard II. fed 10,000 poor for several days in commemoration of the anniversary.

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## KING GEORGE PRINTS FIRST NEW WAR BOND



When Great Britain started its new issue of five-pound national war bonds, King George started the machine which printed the first bond. The photograph shows King George and Queen Mary at the Bank of England, where the bonds were printed.

## RUSSIA FACES AWFUL FAMINE

(London Special to New York World.)

London.—The belief that great stores of grain existed in Russia, but because of the breakdown of transport facilities could not be distributed to ameliorate the food shortage, is declared by wheat experts to be a myth. The World correspondent was informed today that a careful survey of the Russian wheat situation shows conclusively it is so short that one of the worst famines in the history of the world is imminent in Russia. It means also that Germany will obtain little, if any, from Russian territory unoccupied by the enemy.

## SAM JONES CASES PASSED TILL TUESDAY

Postponement Due to Absence

of Capt. Kenneth Kern, of  
Provost Guard.

Cases of Sam Jones, alleged proprietor of the Beavers' club, and J. L. Larimore, who was on duty at the time police officers, revenue men and Capt. Kenneth E. Kern, chief of the provost guards, raided the club a few days ago, were not heard in the city court Saturday morning. They were passed until next Tuesday, as a witness was said to be sick. Then, too, Capt. Kern is in Knoxville. Both Jones and Larimore are charged with selling liquor. A small quantity of the barleycorn fluid and several hundred empty bottles were found at the time of the raid.

## WAR HAS NOT BEEN WON DECLARES EX-PRES. TAFT

"Peace Possible Only When Entente

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Knees."

Atlanta, Feb. 2.—Peace can only be possible when the entente allies have driven Germany to her knees, former President William H. Taft declared in an address at the Liberty theater at Camp Gordon late yesterday. The former president arrived yesterday and will remain here today during which time he will deliver two more addresses and review the troops attached to the Eighty-second national army division.

"The war has not been won," Mr. Taft said. "Germany has in her possession Belgium, a part of northern France, holds Serbia, Rumania, Poland and the Baltic provinces, and hence now, even were it made upon the basis of 'no annexation, no indemnities,' would be a failure to achieve the great purpose for which the allies have made heartrending sacrifices."

## "THE BOOB'S" ACTIVITIES END WITH HIS ARREST

(Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.—In the ar-

rest at Topeka, Kans., of Charles A. Wesson, a tailor, federal authorities

have put an end to the activities of "The Boob," according to an announcement today by Federal Attorney Robertson.

Since the early days of the war, Mr. Robertson said, federal agents have been seeking a man who was flooding the state with postcards containing denunciations of the war and criticism of those conducting it. The postcards were signed "The Boob."

Wesson admits writing the postcards, according to the authorities.

## SCORE TO DATE IN U-BOAT WAR

(These two diagrams, issued by the

secretary of the British admiralty, show the scores of the German submarines and the allied navies in the U-boat war.

In the top diagram the peak of sinkings by German submarines was reached in April, 1917, which accounts for the high mark in the quarter ending in June, 1917. Since then the curve has steadily fallen.

The second diagram—"the allies' score"—shows that since the quarter ending in September, 1916, there has been a steady rise in the number of U-boats sent down.

The diagrams are based on official records and are accurate and drawn to scale, though obviously not to the same scale, as the first is tonnage and the second number of vessels.

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## PERCY LONG IN BAD IN FEDERAL

Disbarment Proceedings Begun  
at Knoxville—Nero Released  
on Wife He Didn't Have.

(Special to The News.)

Knoxville, Feb. 2.—Disbarment proceedings will be instituted in the federal court against Percy Long, lawyer for A. R. Nero, who is charged with selling whisky to a soldier, because of alleged misrepresentations made to the court in a successful attempt to secure the release from jail of Nero because of the condition of his supposed wife, according to United States District Attorney W. T. Kennerly.

It is claimed that Nero is not married to the woman but was living with her. Nero made bond of \$1,000 which was signed by Long for his return to the Hamilton county jail Monday morning for his explanation.

Attorney Percy Long and A. R. Nero were ordered to Knoxville Friday before United States District Judge E. T. Sanford, to show why they should not be adjudged in contempt of that court. Capt. Kenneth Kern of the provost guard, has also been summoned to Knoxville as a witness in the same case.

It is understood that Long and Nero were ordered to Knoxville as the result of certain charges made recently by Capt. Kern, to the grievance committee, to the effect that in the Nero whisky case Long had made certain statements to Judge Sanford which at the time he knew to be untrue.

Some weeks ago A. R. Nero was arrested by the provost guards on the charge of selling whisky and he was arraigned and tried before Judge Sanford at the session of the federal court held in Chattanooga. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, but upon an argument by Attorney Long Nero was granted a new trial on the grounds of newly discovered evidence. The case was then set for trial at Knoxville by Judge Sanford. At the trial in Knoxville Nero was convicted and sentenced to serve five months in the Hamilton county jail. The sentence was suspended on the plea by his lawyer, Percy Long, that his client had a very sick wife and wanted the sentence postponed until she recovered.

The continuance was granted by Judge E. T. Sanford but upon the rehashing of charges of soliciting business against Long before the grievance committee Capt. Kern charged that Nero had no wife and that Long knew it at the time he told Judge Sanford so. He said that later Long admitted that he knew Nero had no wife. However, Long denies these claims that he believed then and does now that Nero was married, because he talked with Nero's wife, or a woman who called herself Mrs. Nero.

It is understood that the matter was taken up with the federal authorities at Knoxville and as the result Long and Nero were given a hearing Saturday before Judge Sanford.

The charges before the grievance committee against Long resulted in his being ordered to appear before the bar association to show cause why he should not be disbarred.

## BIRMINGHAM COMPANY LOSES \$100,000 BY FIRE

(Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 2.—Damage

estimated at considerably over \$100,000 was sustained by the Union Cotton Oil company when the large warehouse and peanut oil mill of their plant in this city was destroyed by fire last night. Incendiarism is suspected.

Ora Cox, a negro employe, was fatally injured when he jumped from the third floor of the mill, after escape had been cut off in other directions.

## FEAR REICHSTAG PLAN WOULD AID PROPAGANDA

(London, Feb. 2.—A demand that the

German reichstag be summoned to discuss the strike was made by the Vorwaerts in a leading article Friday, an Exchange Telegraph company dispatch from Copenhagen Friday, says. The Berliner Tagblatt, it is added, declares that the civil power will not grant the wish of the socialists and summon the reichstag as the radical elements would only be given an opportunity to push strike propaganda in the parliament.

## ASK PREVENTION SUNDAY WORK AT ARMY CAMPS

(Washington, Feb. 2.—A committee

representing the Lord's day alliance of the United States embracing sixteen religious denominations urged President Wilson yesterday to prevent Sunday work at army and navy training camps and posts.

## SERVICE FLAG COUPON

Remember the Fighters



How you can yet this splendid Service Flag for only 60c. All that is necessary for you to do is to clip this coupon and bring it or send it to The News with 60c in cash and this Patriotic Flag is yours. If ordered by mail add 7c for packing and postage.

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## The Gas Corn Meal Drive

"See Gas Go Over the Top"

Gas will sure cook the cornmeal next Monday at Miss Guthrie's school, Chamber of Commerce.

The public may as well know the right way to use substitutes recommended by the Government.

Gas Is Helping

Chattanooga Gas Company